

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Process for Liquid Phase  
Hydrogenation§  
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Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: Walter Dean Griffin

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**Mail Stop Amendments  
Commissioner of Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Before considering the present Application further on its merits, Applicants request that the following amendments be entered.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.